

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

By Thompson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Reverend Tony L. Pierce, Sr., of Wrights Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Collierville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable servant of the Lord is Reverend Tony L. Pierce, Sr., who has served in pastoral ministry since 1985; and

WHEREAS, born in Fayette County, Reverend Tony Pierce, Sr., is the son of James and Fannie Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pierce answered his call to ministry at a young age and began preaching in his teenage years; he has pastored several churches throughout West Tennessee, and he is the current pastor of Wrights Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Collierville; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Union University in Jackson, Reverend Pierce earned an Associate of Divinity degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management; additionally, he received honorary degrees from Brewster's Theological School of Religion in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community beyond his duties as a pastor, Reverend Pierce is a renowned guest speaker, evangelist, and lecturer; he is president of the Fayette County Citizens for Progress, a member of NAACP Somerville Branch, and a past member of the Fayette County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, he was the first Afro-American pastor from Fayette County to serve as "Chaplain of the Day" for the Tennessee House of Representatives and as a legislative advisor to Representative Page Walley; he is also the recipient of several other awards, and he is a member of numerous fraternal organizations; and

WHEREAS, aside from his many professional accomplishments, Reverend Pierce is most grateful for the love and support of his cherished wife, Alfreda D. Herron Pierce; his children, Travis, Rosalyn, Jaylon, and Tony, Jr.; and his grandson, Jayden; and

WHEREAS, as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Reverend Pierce has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the selfless and faithful service of Reverend Tony L. Pierce, Sr., commend his honorable service and spiritual inspiration, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.